

CITY OF MUSKEGON  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

**August 2, 2016**

Chairperson J. Hilt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and roll was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Hilt, A. Riegler, S. Radtke, S. Kroes

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Warren, excused; K. Panozzo, excused; L. Wood

STAFF PRESENT: M. Franzak, D. Renkenberger

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Loring, 446 W. Webster Ave; D. Loring, 446 W. Webster Ave; Q. Tiffany, 1694 Jefferson; C. Farmer, 1668 Jefferson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 5, 2016 was made by J. Hilt, supported by S. Kroes and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Case 2016-13 – 446 W Webster Avenue. Applicant: Lori Loring. District: Downtown Structures. Current Function: Bed & Breakfast. The applicant is seeking approval to replace a 19’7” x 5” arched exterior crown molding. They have been unable to find a contractor capable of replacing the exact shape with wood. They have found a company in Texas that is able to produce a rubber mold from the wood sample. They will then use a pourable foam process to create the flexible crown molding that will replicate the original wooden crown molding.

The Lorings explained that they had checked with several local contractors to inquire about the possibility of making a replacement piece of wood molding. Several places were unable to do it, and cost estimates for those who could were in the thousands of dollars. Upon the advice of one contractor, they sent measurements to a place in Texas, who stated that they would make a mold and create the replacement piece out of foam with the exact shape of the original. This would still be a very costly endeavor, but it offered substantial savings over other estimates. A. Riegler asked if the foam material was exterior grade. The Lorings stated that they were not sure, but would check into it. D. Loring stated that a good portion of the molding would be covered by the rain drip edge of the rubber flat roof above it.

S. Radtke stated that he appreciated the extensive amount of work that the Lorings put in to finding a replacement piece of molding. A motion that the HDC approve the request to replace the arched exterior wooden crown molding with the foam replacement piece as proposed, as long as all zoning requirements are met and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by S. Kroes, supported by S. Radtke and unanimously approved, with J. Hilt, A. Riegler, S. Radtke, and S. Kroes voting aye.

Case 2016-14 – 280 W Muskegon Avenue. Applicant: Central United Methodist Church. District: Houston. Current Function: Institutional. The applicant is seeking approval for exterior lighting

and a bathroom vent cap that will be affixed to the building. M. Franzak stated that HDC standards did not cover these items, but he would still like the board's input. A spec sheet showing the type of lighting and vents was provided. A. Riegler observed that they were very understated and would not detract from the building.

A motion that the HDC approve the request to add the lighting and vent cap as proposed, as long as all zoning requirements are met and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by S. Radtke, supported by A. Riegler and unanimously approved, with J. Hilt, A. Riegler, S. Radtke, and S. Kroes voting aye.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1319 Peck St. (request for siding) – Q. Tiffany and C. Farmer came to the meeting regarding last month's case at 1319 Peck St. (Step Up). They were opposed to the request to side the home with vinyl. They stated that this was a significant home in the neighborhood, and allowing the wood to be covered with vinyl would discourage others with wood-sided homes from choosing to repaint instead of re-side.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.